

Policy and Resources Committee

Date:	11 June 2013
Title:	Grant Awards
Purpose of Report:	To agree the recommendations from the Budget Working Group
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Background Information

The aim of the Council's grant scheme is to promote a vibrant and active community in Thame, enhancing and maximising the range of services and activities in the Town. The Council therefore tries to award funds to those projects that demonstrate an additional benefit to the users or the development of a service. Grants are not normally awarded for the everyday running costs or salaries of an organisation.

The following evaluation criteria were used to assess each application:

- a. Is the organisation local to Thame?
- b. What benefit does it provide to the town and its inhabitants?
- c. Would there be a significant adverse effect if the applicant was unable to continue or hampered by lack of funds?
- d. Have other sources of funding been secured or being sought for the project.
- e. Is there a more appropriate source of funding the organisation should be directed to thus relieving the demand on the Council's resources?
- f. Is the application for capital or revenue costs?
- g. If revenue has the organisation received similar funding in the previous few years?

Risk Assessment

Risks	Controls
Grant awarded outside the scope of the Town Council's powers i.e. ultra vires	Legal Power identified when award granted.
The grant is not used for the purposes identified in the application.	Appropriate financial procedures in place. Testing of financial controls included within the Internal Auditor's programme of work.
Applications for funding received from ad hoc organisations / individuals.	Audited accounts and constitution of the organisation must be submitted on application. Application and all paperwork are reviewed by the Town Clerk before being considered by Members.

Resource Appraisal

Grant applications received totalled	£23,241
Grant budget for 2013-14	£17,000
Budget working group grant recommendation	£14,551

Legal Powers: The attached schedule identifies the powers to each grant application.

The Committee is asked:

- i) ***To agree that the grant recommendations be awarded in accordance with the attached schedule and under the powers identified.***